

## **AMENDMENT 1 to Request for Applications (RFA) 391-CO/03-02**

RFA Title: *Rewarding Innovation at the District Level in Pakistan*  
RFA no.: 391-CO/03-02

The RFA is amended as follows:

The due date for applications is EXTENDED from 3 February 2003 to 5 February 2003.

Section VI Instructions for the Submission of Applications is revised as follows:

The email address for the submission of applications is CHANGED to [cmallay@usaid.gov](mailto:cmallay@usaid.gov). The original instructions for email submissions are deleted and replaced with the following:

- 1) Via E-mail to [cmallay@usaid.gov](mailto:cmallay@usaid.gov). The attachments per email must not exceed 1MB. Multiple e-mails may be utilized to submit the proposal, but must be titled and organized in a way to facilitate the easy and correct assembly of the application. Attachments must be Microsoft Word or Excel compatible; Zip files are acceptable.

Clarification: The RFA is seeking a competitive grant program that is fair and transparent. The following is some additional information on what is meant by that. We are looking for an open competition with advertised evaluation criteria, where Districts with community based projects are selected for grant funding in an unbiased manner based on the merits of the project and capabilities of the District. The competitive grants program must avoid providing, for instance, unfair competitive advantage to any Districts or organizations. Some examples of an unfair competitive advantage include: advance notice of competitions provided to some Districts or organizations to give them a “head start” over other competitors; information concerning a grant proposal that is released to a competitor; or favoritism in the award decision given to a District or an organization for any reason beyond an unbiased evaluation process based on the established evaluation factors. The organization receiving an award from USAID/Pakistan must ensure that it has no apparent or actual conflict of interest (financial or otherwise) in the management of the grant program, the evaluation of proposals, its award decisions and its administration of the awards.

Please address any questions concerning this RFA to Catherine A. Mallay, [cmallay@usaid.gov](mailto:cmallay@usaid.gov).

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